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ROME FOR FODAG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AORG, WHO

SUBJECT: WHO BUDGET

REF: (A) ROME 15718, (B) GENEVA 3315

1. REF A (NOTAL) REPORTED THAT WHO ADG FURTH HAD ADVISED FODAG OFFICER THAT QUOTE OUTCOME OF GENEVA GROUP DEAL WITH MAHLER...PERMITS 4 PERCENT INCREASE IN WHO'S NEXT BUDGET UNQUOTE. IN VIEW OF 2 PERCENT PER ANNUM REAL INCREASE, FODAG REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO HOW FURTH MADE CALCULATION.

2. GENEVA GROUP (WHO) HAD DISCUSSED THE 2 PERCENT REAL INCREASE AND SAFPBA WITH FURTH BUT HAD NOT DEFINITELY TIED THE TWO CONCEPTS TOGETHER. THUS, THE CALCULATION OF THE 2 PERCENT REAL INCREASE HAD NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY EXPLORED, AS SUGGESTED BY REF B.

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3. MISOFFS AND FRG MEMBER OF GENEVA GROUP MET 28 AUGUST WITH FURTH AND HIS BUDGET CHIEF IMBRUGLIA. FURTH STATED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF HAD CONSIDERED VARIOUS WAYS OF CALCULATING THE 2 PERCENT REAL INCREASE AND DECIDED TO USE QUOTE THE MOST CONSERVATIVE WAY UNQUOTE. THUS THE 1980-81 BIENNIAL BUDGET WILL USE AS A BASE THE COMBINED 1978 AND 1979 EFFECTIVE WORKING BUDGETS OF \$354,330,000

(1978: \$171,600,000; 1979: \$182,730,000) PLUS 4 PERCENT FOR A TOTAL (BEFORE COST AND EXCHANGE FACTOR CONSIDERATIONS) OF \$368,430,000. QUOTE THE NEXT TIME UNQUOTE THE CALCULATION WOULD BE 4 PERCENT OF THE 1980-81 BIENNIAL BUDGET.

4. THE EXCHANGE RATES TO BE USED BY WHO WILL PROBABLY BE THE RATES IN EFFECT FOR SEPTEMBER. THE RATE FOR THE SWISS FRANC, IN WHICH SOME 30 PERCENT OF WHO'S EXPENDITURES ARE MADE, WILL PROBABLY BE THE RATE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1 FOR UN ACTIVITIES IN GENEVA.

5. FURTH DECLARED THAT HE HAD NOT TALKED TO FAO OFFICIALS, BUT HAD TALKED TO FRG'S LIEBER AS WELL AS U.S.'S CRUIT.

6. IN VIEW OF INTEREST IN WHO PRECEDENT, WOULD APPRECIATE GENEVA BE INFO ON GG (ROME) REPORTS.
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